

**SUBMISSION OF CLEAN CLAIMS  
AND NEW PARAGRAPH  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.121**

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121, the Applicant hereby submits "clean" copies of a new paragraph and the claims now pending in this application as follows:

NEW PARAGRAPH:

On page 9, lines 14-25, please substitute the following new paragraph:

The hydrophilic polymer melt additive preferably comprises a fluorochemical surfactant, available under the trade name FC-1296 from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, which comprises of 49-50 wt.% fluorochemical polymer, 49-50 wt.% hydrocarbon surfactant, and 0-1 wt.% residual organic fluorochemicals.

PENDING CLAIMS:

1. An ink receiving medium comprising a microporous polymeric film, said microporous polymeric film comprising a hydrophilic blend of a hydrophobic polymeric material and a hydrophilic polymer melt additive and not comprising filler particles.

2. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said microporous polymeric film has a thickness in the range of 1 to 3 mils.

3. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic polymer melt additive comprises surfactant.

4. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic polymer melt additive comprises an organic fluorochemical.

5. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 1, wherein said hydrophobic polymeric material is polypropylene.

6. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 1, further comprising a substrate laminated to said microporous polymeric film.

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11. Canceled.

12. Canceled.

13. Canceled.

14. Canceled.

15. An ink receiving medium comprising:

a microporous polymeric film that does not include filler particles; and

a microparticle coating applied on one side of said film,

wherein said coating comprises colloidal inorganic particles and a polymeric binder, the weight percent of colloidal inorganic particles being greater than the weight percent of polymeric binder.

16. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said colloidal inorganic particles are made of silica.

17. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said colloidal inorganic particles are made of

alumina.

18. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said polymeric binder comprises polyurethane.

19. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said polymeric binder comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

20. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 19, wherein said polymeric binder further comprises a cross-linking agent.

21. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said microporous polymeric film is made of polypropylene.

22. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said coating further comprises surfactant.

23. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, wherein said coating further comprises plasticizer.

24. The ink receiving medium as recited in claim 15, further comprising a substrate laminated to said microporous polymeric film.

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31. Canceled.

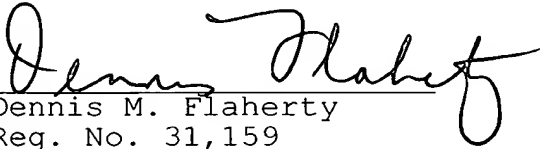
32. Canceled.

33. Canceled.

34. An ink receiving medium comprising a microporous stretched polymeric film without filler particles and a colloidal coating applied on at least one side of said microporous stretched polymeric film, wherein said colloidal coating comprises submicron inorganic pigment particles embedded in a binder.

Respectfully submitted,

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